

Fellow Hoosier Motorists:

We have all heard that driving is a privilege. Maintaining that privilege requires drivers to be responsible when operating a motor vehicle. We all need to get to work, to social events, and to family functions, but it's more important to drive responsibly so that everyone on Indiana's roadways arrives at their destination safely.



This driver manual contains the basic guidelines that Hoosier motorists need to learn, know and follow. Whether you are getting your license for the first time, are new to the state, or simply browsing out of curiosity, it is a good idea to review the manual yearly in order to be up-to-date in your knowledge.

Indiana has some beautiful scenery to enjoy while driving. Of course, drivers will run into their share of road construction, unpleasant weather conditions, and high-volume traffic. In any situation, it is important to stay calm, and focused on the task at hand.

Also, I hope that all Indiana drivers will make a conscious effort to stay focused on their driving. It is a task that requires your full attention. So many lives are lost to the cause of inattentive driving. Please, keep your mind on the drive.

I urge you to take full advantage of this manual. It is every driver's responsibility to know the rules of the road, and those rules change over time. Please either review the manual, or enroll in a BMV driver awareness course periodically. This will ensure that you have current knowledge.

Please follow these guidelines when driving:

- Use safety belts and child restraints at all times;
- Do not operate a vehicle if your driving could be impaired by drug or alcohol use;
- Know your own limits to avoid driver fatigue;
- Avoid cellular phone use, eating and other distractions while driving; and
- Respect the rights of other drivers and pedestrians.

Driver safety is a primary goal of the BMV. With the help of cautious and concerned drivers, like yourself, we can ensure that Indiana roads are safer for everyone.

Thank you for your assistance and enjoy your drive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gerald Coleman, Commissioner
Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles